

Senate Resolution 528

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia State University Panthers Men's Basketball Team for its victory  
2 in the 2019 Sun Belt Conference Tournament and advancement to the NCAA tournament;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Panthers enjoyed their sixth consecutive winning season and  
5 received their third Sun Belt Conference title in the last five years; and

6 WHEREAS, the Panthers finished the regular season with a 24-10 mark, the fourth most  
7 season wins in Georgia State University history; and

8 WHEREAS, the Panthers entered the Sun Belt Conference tournament as a number one-seed  
9 and secured victories over Texas State University and the University of Texas Arlington to  
10 claim another conference title; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Panthers are the only men's team in Georgia to earn a trip to  
12 the 2019 NCAA Tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the championship team includes Corey Allen, Malik Benlevi, Matt Chism,  
14 Chris Clerkley, Kavonte Ivery, Josh Linder, Devin Mitchell, Nelson Phillips, Justin Roberts,  
15 D'Marcus Simonds, Jeff Thomas, Jordan Tyson, James Wall, Kane Williams, and Damon  
16 Wilson; and

17 WHEREAS, this championship team was led by Coach Ron Hunter and assistant coaches  
18 Ray McCallum, Claude Pardue, and Travis Williams; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Hunter has now successfully completed his tenure as Head Coach,  
20 leading the team to winning seasons in seven of his eight years as Head Coach; and

21 WHEREAS, the Panthers squared off in the NCAA Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma, against  
22 the number three-seed Houston Cougars; and

23 WHEREAS, the Panthers fell to the Cougars, but earned their well-deserved recognition for  
24 excellence by performing with courage and precision over months of training and  
25 competition; and

26 WHEREAS, the entire Panther Nation is proud of this magnificent team of young men who  
27 have battled adversity and injury to compete as champions and stand as ambassadors of  
28 athletic excellence in the State of Georgia.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend the Georgia State University Panthers Men's Basketball Team for  
31 a magnificent season and extend sincere best wishes to the team and Coach Ron Hunter for  
32 continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia State  
35 University Panthers Men's Basketball Team.